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A Case in Point.

The result of the contest for electing the next republican national convention illustrates in large measure the force of the contention about reapportioning representation in those bodies. The lower southern states decided the question. With them everything was subordinated to the matter of holding on to their present power in the nomination of national tickets. Being able therefore to trade to advantage with the friends of Philadelphia, they voted for the Quaker city. They made the selection.

Fortunately for the party, the choice fell upon a man in every way qualified to meet the exacting requirements of host. A commodious hall for meeting place, ample hotel accommodations for all visitors, historical objects of patriotic interest in abundance, all will be found in Philadelphia, and the convention is assured of royal entertainment. But that city, in the circumstances, would have been chosen if no such qualifications existed. It must be remembered, chosen even if the point had been emphasized that as between the capital of the state which next year will give the party a majority anywhere from a quarter of a million upward, and Chicago, Cincinnati, or St. Louis—cities situated in the heart of a section which must be fought for—prudence dictated the complimenting of the Quaker territory. These southern men brought no other thought to the matter but that relating to their own interests.

One has only to apply the lesson to the making of a platform or the nomination of a national ticket to appreciate its force. The power which in committee is exercised in such a spirit will, with opportunity, be exercised in like spirit in convention. If the convention city is to be named, why not the candidate named and the form written in like manner and for a like purpose?

This ought to be, and will be, a pleasing performance to the democrats of the south. They are fully entitled to their chuckle, and they very properly will lead the applause. The men who have made the republican majorities in the south powerless as against themselves naturally desire to see those majorities powerful as against republican majorities elsewhere.

The Kentucky Governorship.

Mr. Goebel's appeal from the decision of the state elections board to the legislature was not unexpected. He appeared to hesitate, but it was only an appearance. His desire was to divest the matter of a too palpable self-seeking. So, with that end in view, he called together a number of his friends and asked their advice. They knew, to a man, how he felt and what he wanted, and so they agreed to a man that, in the party's name and for the party's benefit, he should ask the legislature to try the case again. He yielded—in the Goebel fashion. He found himself unable to put aside this demand from his friends in the party's name. The party had moved him, and he would obey the party's best. And so forth. The usual comedy in such cases made and provided by crafty politicians.

The legislature is democratic in both branches, but that fact does not guarantee a partisan committee of investigation. The members will be chosen by lot, and the anti-Goebels will stand a chance of securing representation on the tribunal. Moreover, both sides will have opportunity to present charges of fraud and irregularities at the polls, and as the anti-Goebels are as free with such charges as the Goebels, and are preparing to make them good, the final result can by no means be forecast. The best legal talent in the state will be employed, and both sides will be ably represented. The investigation, for many reasons, will command national attention.

Meanwhile Governor Taylor, who is now in office, will continue to serve. His inaugural address, delivered on Tuesday, was a very pointed and successful performance. He attributed his success before the people to their determination to submit neither to boss rule nor to corrupt manipulation of the ballot boxes; and so reading their wishes he declared himself in favor of a repeal of the Goebel elections law, and that end. This same legislature, therefore, which is to try the question of the disputed governorship will be asked by the governor in office to wipe the obnoxious law from the statute books. The body meets on January 1, and from the first day will have its hands full of business.

The Christmas shopping season is, as usual, a reminder of that Washington's population, while not so great as that of other cities, is one which offers the many inducements equal to any advantages which may be offered elsewhere.

The case of Brigham Roberts will scarcely be allowed to monopolize much time. Congress has too much actual and important business on hand to be able to sit around and talk scandal.

The People and the Trees.
A large part of Washington's beauty lies in the parks, with their trees and shrubs and in the long tree-lined streets. This beauty is enhancing each year, as the trees grow in size, dignity and shade-giving qualities and as the shrubs become more abundant and graceful. By a careful system of replacement and planting, and scientific attention to the details of arrangement this feature of the city's adornment comes closer to perfection every season. But in one particular, as pointed out by a correspondent whose letter is printed today, the system is deficient, and this is an important item in preserving the intimate relationship between the people and these friends of nature. There is a common knowledge of the names of the trees and shrubs. There is not enough sense of individuality about these adornments among the people. To the average eye they are all trees or all shrubs, without distinction. Some people know the commoner, broader varieties and can tell the difference between the magnolia and the sycamore, between the Venus thread and the jessamine; but this is about as elementary as the difference between black haws and white, between horse cars and trolleys, and does the observer no good for it fails to give him a feeling of personal acquaintance with the products of the soil. This is more than a sentimental matter. It has its practical side. Were all the trees and shrubs more carefully identified by the people there would be a greater interest in them on the part of the householders. A child, too, who has been introduced to the tree in the lessons in practical botany to the tree in front of his parents' door will be less likely to regard it as a butting post for his sports or a medium of communicating his initials to posterity. The driver with a sense of the tree's personality will not be quite as apt to permit his horse to nibble away the bark. The householder will be more inclined to foster the growth of a tree he

has come to know by an introduction to its history and its nature. He will perhaps find it more deeply in the planting days of summer or looser the earth around its roots. The educational value of a general knowledge of the trees and shrubs, too, is to be considered. Here is a vast garden and a forest at the very doors of the people. Here are symbols of nature within close reach of the city-confined man and woman and child. A few well-placed, securely fixed to these growths, would make everybody feel closer to the invisible forces and would advance the sentiment of ownership in the parks which it is most desirable to foster among the people. A very small addition to the annual appropriations would insure this result, and then much could be done to carry the work to the people by the co-operation of the public school teachers, under the new system of education, which seems to aim at the introduction of the child to the meaning of nature and her manifold manifestations.

A Bad Week for Great Britain.

St. Petersburg, Moscow, Tugela-Gatere, Methuen, Buller. Three times in one week the British armies have been defeated, with great loss. Each reverse was a shock for the British public, and indeed the world at large, had been looking for a British victory in those places where misfortune befell the arms of England. Gatere had withstood his advance so long that it was believed he would press back the opposing Boers. Methuen had already defeated the enemy at Modder's river and carried his army across. Buller was known to have concentrated a large force, and to have restrained his advance until a seemingly favorable moment. One after another they struck the burghers, but only to be repulsed. After the first two reverses the British public pinned high hopes on Buller, the ideal soldier, the brave, competent commander, known to be resourceful and intrepid. He was expected to retrieve the British fortunes, so seriously menaced.

But Buller, too, has learned the lesson which the Boers are now teaching the British commanders, that in modern warfare the forces behind the high columns, fighting upon their own soil, and satisfied with a purely defensive campaign, has a great advantage, which requires a very heavy preponderance of men and guns to overcome. The circumstances of the three fights differ materially, but the principle involved is the same in each case. The Boers are in their present position impregnable. They have secured an enormous advantage by dividing the British columns and forcing the invaders to hasten their advance in order to relieve threatened centers. Just how far this situation is fortuitous is not yet to be ascertained. If, however, it should prove to have been the result of a preconceived plan, its results mark its designer as one of the greatest military geniuses of all time.

Now that the hope of an immediate victory by Buller has been shattered, and the British forces in South Africa, in all three divisions, are held back solidly by the Boers, the question before the English government is whether there shall be such a strengthening of these armies that an advance can be ordered with assurance of success. There seems to be no doubt whatever, as far as the Boers are concerned, that this far indicated, that the government's answer will be in the affirmative and its action immediate. Pending the arrival of additional troops from the reserves and perhaps the volunteers, there may be a change in the plan of campaign. Heretofore the immediate object of the British advance has been the relief of Ladysmith and Kimberley, with Gen. Buller operating simultaneously in the south to prevent too serious a spread of disloyalty among the Cape colonists. It is possible that with the new revelations as to the strength and capacity of the Boers there will be a consolidation of the British forces away from the lines leading to the beleaguered cities, in the hope of striking an offensive blow on the enemy's own territory.

Thus far there has been no fighting whatever on the Boers' own ground, in consequence many weak-kneed British subjects are being strongly tempted in their allegiance. There are grave fears of an uprising in Cape Colony, which would sorely tax the resources of the British and perhaps lead to embarrassing and complicating developments. A bold stroke at the Boers' weakest point by a consolidated army, it is believed by some, would tend to defeat this influence and restore the British prestige, which has waned lately at an appalling rate.

Taken altogether, it is doubtful whether Great Britain has ever known a week so filled with disaster, distress and danger.

Mr. Jones of Toledo is no doubt indifferent to mere matters of personal notoriety. Yet it must surprise him some to find that he can now take up almost any paper in the country without seeing his name in it.

By taking the republican convention to Philadelphia, the national committee will avoid much rancorous sarcasm between New York and Chicago.

The people who stayed up nights looking for Leonidas have given up and are now devoting themselves to a watch for news of Aguinaldo's capture.

The Boer soldiers seem to have taken great precautions against getting absent minded.

The Danish West Indies.
The possibility that Denmark may formally offer her West Indian islands to this country, or to Germany, as recently suggested in the news accounts, raises some very interesting questions respecting the Monroe doctrine. There is a very general disposition on this side to regard those islands as an inalienable part of the small archipelago of which that island is the principal member. As long as Denmark retains the title there is little or no reason to apprehend friction as a result of the nearness of a foreign flag. Denmark is not a militant power, and is a most desirable neighbor. The Monroe doctrine, however, would be affected by a transfer of title to Germany, even though the transfer might be defended on the ground that this would involve merely an exchange of European sovereignties, instead of a change from an American to a European sovereignty. Should such an exchange bring a militant power into this hemisphere, one with a known tendency toward colonial expansion, the essence of the doctrine would be touched, most as directly as though that power had purchased or seized territory in this hemisphere in contravention of the Monroe principles.

a guardianship over Cuba undoubtedly spurred that hope. It is incompatible with the proposition to exchange Denmark for a greater power in sovereignty. Were the desires of the people made manifest the government would certainly be instructed to give to the Monroe doctrine this broader scope, necessitated by the changing conditions and the development of European programs.

Possibly Mr. Gompers is deterred from making any active war on trusts by the slowness of the encouragement extended to the Ohio attorney general who undertook a similar enterprise.

Senator Quay will no doubt have his business in Washington sufficiently in hand to be able to run over to Philadelphia during the republican convention and give advice if it is desired.

Philadelphia does not indulge in much boasting, but as a rule, very close at hand when a business proposition is being considered.

A panther hunt is to be held in Texas for Mr. Bryan's entertainment. The idea of a tiger hunt in New York city has been abandoned.

The telegrams from South Africa might be made less expensive by introducing in the cable code a single word for "I deeply regret."

The news from the Transvaal has agitated London even to the inmost depths of the stock market.

SHOOTING STARS.

Appreciated.
"I suppose you are looking forward to your vacation with much relief."

"Yes," answered the congressman, suppressing a yawn. "A vacation is a good thing. It gives a man a chance to get home once in a while and do some work."

"Sometimes," said Uncle Eben, "a man dat gets into politics is like a train on a wrong track. De harder he runs, de further he gets him whah he wanted to go."

Unfortunate.
The boy will hang his stocking up, and hope for some small gift.

A toy, a book, a pretty cup
Will serve all gloom to lift.

But when his grown-up this life is rough-
The custom is forgot.

A stocking isn't big enough.
He wants a house and lot.

A Social Formality.
"What do you propose to do with this man?" said the stranger in crimson.

"We ain't goin' to do nothin' to him," said Rattlesnake Pete, "only jes' show him that we don't feel under no obligations whatsoever. We're going to take him out and stand him up in a wagon under a tree with a rope around his neck. An' then we're goin' to drive off an' not have any more sociability with him."

A Strategist.
"General," exclaimed the Filipino, "I have just made a highly important discovery!"

"What is it?"
"I am informed, on undoubted authority, that the world is round."

"What do we care?"
"Well, general, it might be well to take precautions against retreating so fast that we will make a complete circle and unexpectedly collide with the enemy's rear guard."

The Motive Power.
That Santa Claus has reindeer all the pretty tales declare.

They scurry and they hurry as they draw
Amidst the snow and hail.

But the man of solemn visage—as such men delight to do—
Declares this little story, like some others, isn't true.

The reindeer, with its pawing and its prancing, is a myth;
Just a fine imagination to amuse the children with.

You must harness up your dollars, with a philosophic heart.
If you want to see old Santa and his presents make a start.

Strong Words From a Democrat.
Stick a pin here.

The men who are making the most noise denouncing the United States for leaving its continental shores to preserve peace and protect life and property in the islands of the Pacific, which the fortunes and responsibilities of war have placed in our hands, are the same men who, in the same breath, demand that the United States shall leave its continental shores to middle in a war in far South Africa and gratuitously insult a friendly power by taking sides with its opponents.

They denounce the United States for attending to its own business in the Philippines, and they demand that the United States shall stick its nose and its mouth into that which is none of its business in South Africa.

They denounce the United States for preventing the Philippines from falling into the hands of irresponsible assassins and savages, objecting that the Philippines are on the other side of the world, and they demand that the world to obtrude ourselves into a quarrel between foreign belligerents and insolently affront our best friend in the family of nations.

Truly, these men have a fit spokesman in the shallow, vulgar and ignorant Mason.

What "Imperialism" Means.
From the Kansas City Journal.

"Imperialism" has come to mean but one thing—the retention of the Philippines. All parties are practically agreed as to the policy that should be pursued toward Porto Rico, Cuba and Hawaii. There is some difference as to the Philippines, but if the question of retention were submitted to the islands as they are, the people would vote to keep the islands. That, too, in spite of any increase in the army and navy that might be regarded as necessary because of permanent possession of the islands. Where, then, is the terror of "imperialism"? It has vanished. The Philippines will be retained. If that means "imperialism" then "imperialism" is a good thing, and has come to stay.

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